Saint Simon Stock Receiving the Holy Scapular

National Shrine of the Little Flower of Jesus

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Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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Our Lady: Whoever shall die wearing my Scapular shall not suffer the flames of hell.

The Soul: My dear Mother of Carmel, I thank thee for thy Holy Scapular.

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FIRST DAY

Preparatory Prayer

O GLORIOUS Queen of Angels! most pure and ever-blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel! powerful advocate of all those who wear thy holy Scapular! faithful protectress of all the servants of thy Son, Jesus Christ! I, an unworthy sinner, do this day, in the presence of thy beloved Son, my Saviour, choose thee for my patroness, that, through thy intercession, I may receive from Him whatsoever grace may be necessary and profitable for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary. {Three times.}

Prayer

O MOST Glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel! with confidence I approach thee, that I may obtain the grace necessary for my salvation. This is my very first wish, to be freed from the stain of sin and return to God, my Father. By what way can I more readily expect to reach my end than through thee, the Mother of His Divine Son. My sins are very great and very numerous, and I do not deserve any hearing, but rather to be spurned from thy presence. Still I will come to visit thee and will make this nine days' devotion. I can in this way atone a little for my past, and thou wilt certainly look with favor on me when thou seest the sincerity of my heart and my willingness to serve God in the future. This I promise, and am sure that with thy help the obstacles to my conversion will be removed and I will be again a beloved child of God, my Father.

Litany and Prayers to end as on page 6.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of Virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Saviour,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical Rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors,
Queen of virgins,
Queen of all saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of peace,

Pray for us

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

From Candlemas Until Easter and After Easter to Advent

V. Pray for us Holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let Us Pray

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we, Thy servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body: and, by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and possess eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From Advent to Christmas

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Let Us Pray

O God, Who didst will that Thine eternal Word should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the Angel delivered his message: grant that Thy petitioners who verily believe her to be the Mother of God, may be assisted by her intercession. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

From Christmas Until Candlemas

V. After childbirth, O Virgin, thou didst remain inviolate.

R. O Mother of God, intercede for us.

Let Us Pray

O God, Who by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beeseech Thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, by whom we deserve to receive the Author of life, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

In Easter Time

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary! Alleluia.

R. Because Our Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.

Let Us Pray

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hath been pleased to fill the world with joy, grant, we beseech Thee, that by the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Flower of Carmel

Flower of Carmel,
Blossoming Vine,
Splendor of Heaven,
Mother Divine,
None like to thee.
Mother of our King,
Peerless and fair,
To thy children of Carmel
Favors grant ever,
Star of the Sea.

May the divine assistance always remain with us. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND DAY

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, as on page 4.

Prayer

TO thee, O Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel, I come, that thou mayest inspire me with great confidence in thy power and willingness to help. I am thy child, because thou hast chosen me; brought up in the Church, I have always been taught to have reverence for the Mother of God. I prayed to thee when my childish mind hardly knew what the devotion meant: but as years have gone by I have understood better what the Church herself has taught me, to pray fervently, because if it be the will of God my prayer will surely be heard. In all trouble, pain and misfortune of every kind I have looked up to thee, O kind Mother, and felt that the mantle of thy goodness was covering me: what I suffered was my deserts, to bring me to my senses, knowing full well at the same time that many

other misfortunes were withheld from me through thy intercession and protection.

Litany and prayers to end as on page 6.

THIRD DAY

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, as on page 4.

Prayer

I AM thine own child, O Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel! When thy Divine Son died on the Cross thou didst adopt all the future members of the Church as thy children, and especially wert thou a tender Mother to the poor sinners that caused the death of thy Son. I trust, therefore, that the voice of thy child will be heard by thee, tender Mother. Shall the infant cry and the Mother turn a deaf ear to its wailings? Thou wilt hasten to my aid with all that is necessary for my relief, for my help. To thee, dear Lady of Mount Carmel, I send up my sighs: assist thy child, so weak that

it is not able to help itself. Whatever difficulties I have, there is one to whom I can go and lay before her my necessities: thou understandest my condition better than I do myself. Even whilst I pray, selfishness and pride pervade my prayer and my requests; but do thou purify my heart from all these vices, so that God may have mercy on me and by thy powerful intercession be induced to give thee the means of alleviating my condition by thy own hands.

Litany and prayers to end as on page 6.

FOURTH DAY

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, as on page 4.

Prayer

O BLESSED Lady of Mount Carmel! I again come before thee! I have already made known my poverty. I am nothing but sins, for I am full of them. Look with pity on me. Whatever thou shalt give, I will be the richer for it. I

shall always be poor and miserable unless thou helpest to take away my sins: I shall remain a sinner unless thou enrichest my soul with virtues. I appeal to all the sufferings of thy Divine Son: there on Calvary He died on the Cross, and surely His death must not be in vain. Thou wert nearest to Him in His sufferings, thou art nearest to Him now, and thou wilt remember those sufferings and offer them to God as an atonement for my wretched state. All my troubles are caused by my sins; all the sufferings of Christ were inflicted by my sins. Through thy intercession I hope for salvation, pardon from Our Lord and help in my present condition.

Litany and prayers to end as on page 6.

FIFTH DAY

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, as on page 4.

Prayer

O BLESSED Lady of Mount Carmel! While I pray for the intention of this novena and recom-

mend to thee my needs in order that they may be relieved, at the same time I beg of thee, dear Mother, the grace of persevering in the pursuit of virtue. At thy feet I have learned the virtues of purity, humility, meekness, and zeal for the glory of God. Obtain grace for me now to put them in practice, so that in my frailty I may not again fall into the sins which I have acknowledged. I wish, O dear Lady of Mount Carmel, to deserve thy kindness by the practice of virtue. I do not want the favors for which I make this novena unless they are a means of making me serve God more and more through love.

Litany and prayers to end as on page 6.

SIXTH DAY

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, as on page 4.

Prayer

BEHOLD at thy feet, O Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel! a wretched sinner who has recourse to thee and confides in thee. O

Mother of Mercy! have pity on me! I hear thee called by all the refuge and the hope of sinners: be then, my refuge and my hope. Assist me, for the love of Jesus Christ: stretch forth thy hand to a miserable creature who recommends himself to thee, and who devotes himself to thy service forever. I bless and thank Almighty God, Who in mercy has given me this confidence in thee, which I hold to be a pledge of my eternal salvation. It is true that in the past I have miserably fallen into sin, because I had not recourse to thee. I know that with thy help I shall conquer. I know, too, that thou wilt assist me, if I recommend myself to thee; but I fear that in time of danger I may neglect to call on thee and thus lose my soul. This grace, then, I ask of thee, and this I beg with all the fervor of my soul, that in all attacks of hell I may have recourse to thee. O Mary! help me! O Lady of Mount Carmel help! Never suffer me to lose my God!

Litany and prayers to end as on page 6.

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, as on page 4.

Prayer

O BLESSED Lady of Mount Carmel! grant that I may ever ininvoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O purest Mary! O sweetest Mary! let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady! to help me whenever I call on thee; for in all my temptations, in all my needs, I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy holy name, Mary, Mary. Oh, what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fills my soul when I utter thy holy name, or even think of thee! I thank Our Lord for having given thee, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering thy name. Let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, Lady of Mount Carmel.

Litany and prayers to end as on page 6.

EIGHTH DAY

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, as on page 4.

Prayer

O BLESSED Lady of Mount Carmel! thou art the dispenser of all the gifts which God grants to us miserable sinners; and for this end He has made thee so powerful, so rich, and so bountiful, in order that thou mayest help us in our misery. Thou art the advocate of the most wretched and abandoned sinners who have recourse to thee; come to my help, I commend myself to thee. In thy hands I place my eternal salvation, and to thee I entrust my soul. Count me among thy most devoted servants; take me under thy protection, and it is enough for me, for if thou protect me I fear nothing; not from my sins, because thou wilt obtain for me the pardon of them; nor from the evil spirits, because thou art more powerful than all hell together; nor even from Jesus, my Judge, because by one prayer from thee He will be appeased. But one thing I fear, that in the

hour of temptation, I may through negligence, fail to have recourse to thee, and thus perish miserably. Obtain for me love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace ever to have recourse to thee, O Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel.

Litany and prayers to end as on page 6.

NINTH DAY

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, as on page 4.

Prayer

O MARY, Queen of the heavenly court! who standest beside the Throne of thy Divine Son, who art greater than the angels and saints, and art now in the enjoyment of eternal bliss, look down on me, thy child, in this vale of tears: help me to come to God, my last end, to come to Jesus, Who is my Redeemer. Thou hast received the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and thou hast shown thy approval by granting so many graces and favors

under that title. Thou art now in heaven and all-powerful with God. Stretch forth thy hand and help me to a happy eternity. Grant that every day I may arise with renewed courage and fervor to do that which is most useful to my neighbor and the honor of God.

Litany and prayers to end as on page 6.

Prayers for the Feast of Our Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel.

O GOD, Who hast deigned to honor the Order of Carmel with the glorious title of Thy Virgin Mother, grant the grace of her protection to all who celebrate this solemn commemoration, so that through her we may attain eternal happiness. Amen.

O Glorious Virgin Mary! Queen of Carmel, Mother of God and of poor sinners, special protectress of all those who wear thy holy Scapular, I supplicate thee, by the glory that has been accorded thee by the Incarnate Word in choosing thee for His Mother, to obtain for me the pardon of my sins, amendment of my life, salvation of my soul, consolation in my pains, and in particular the grace I have asked in this novena, provided it be conformable to the will of thy Divine Son. Amen.

Privileges Attached to the Holy Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

1. PROTECTION OF MARY. On July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin appearing to St. Simon Stock, made him this promise: Those who die invested with the Scapular will be preserved from eternal fire. Later, in a vision with which she honored Pope John XXII she promised a new favor: Those who have been invested with this holy livery will be delivered from Purgatory the first Saturday after their death.

2. AFFILIATION TO THE ORDER OF CARMEL. Those who become members of Carmel by receiving the Holy Scapular, participate in all the good works of the Religious of this Order.

3. COMMUNICATION OF MERITS AND GOOD WORKS. The members of the Confraternity participate moreover, in the merits and good works of all the associated members in the different Confraternities throughout the world.

4. PARTICIPATION IN THE GRACES AND IN THE NUMEROUS INDULGENCES ATTACHED TO THE HOLY SCAPULAR.

5. PRIVILEGE OF THE SABBATINE BULL. This privilege consists in the deliverance from Purgatory the first Saturday after death. (See above, No. 1)

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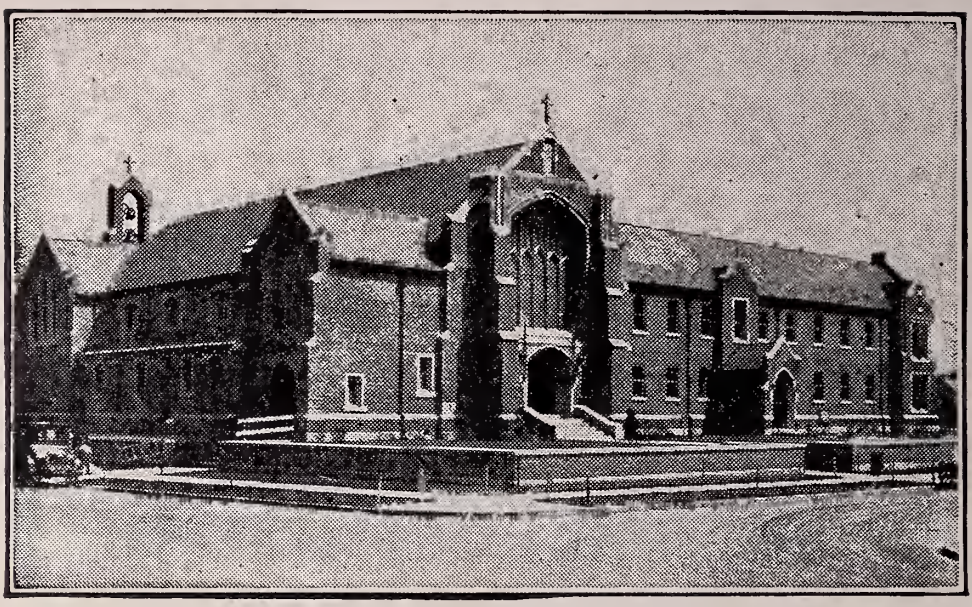

THE Carmelite Convent Chapel of Buffalo, N. Y., was the first in the world to have St. Teresa of the Child Jesus (The Little Flower of Jesus) for its Titular Saint. The chapel, which is the National Shrine of the Little Flower of Jesus, was dedicated the very day of her canonization. As far as we can learn, this is the first time a saint was made the Titular of a new chapel on the day of canonization.

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